



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 460**

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House Bill No. 5451

*House of Representatives, April 13, 2022*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE COMPTROLLER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-123g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 (a) [The Comptroller shall publish in a newspaper, having a  
4 substantial circulation in the state, a notice of intent to issue a payroll  
5 deduction slot.] For the purposes of this section, "payroll deduction slot"  
6 means an automatic periodic deduction from a state payroll check and  
7 "applicant" means any person who requests to establish or renew a  
8 payroll deduction slot under this section. The Comptroller may solicit  
9 proposals for payroll deduction slots. The Comptroller shall publish any  
10 such solicitation on its Internet web site. Any person interested in  
11 submitting proposals in response to such [notice] solicitation shall  
12 submit, [within] not later than thirty days [of] after such [notice]  
13 solicitation, the following information, in writing, to the Comptroller:

14 (1) The name and mailing address of the applicant; (2) a detailed  
15 description of the product or service which the applicant intends to  
16 market to state employees; (3) the name, address and telephone number  
17 of any agent of the applicant from whom interested persons may obtain  
18 copies of the application; (4) detailed information on the financial ability  
19 of the applicant; (5) detailed information on past performance; and (6)  
20 such additional information as the Comptroller deems necessary. [For  
21 the purposes of this section, "applicant" means any person who requests  
22 to establish or renew a payroll deduction slot under this section.]

23 (b) Upon the receipt of such proposals, the Comptroller shall submit  
24 any such proposals to the Vendor Advisory Committee for review. The  
25 Vendor Advisory Committee shall consist of a designee of the  
26 Comptroller, the Labor Commissioner or [his] a designee, the Insurance  
27 Commissioner or [his] a designee, and three representatives of labor  
28 unions representing state employees appointed by the Comptroller in  
29 consultation with the state employee unions. Such representatives of  
30 labor unions shall serve five-year terms and shall not serve successive  
31 terms. The Vendor Advisory Committee shall review such proposals  
32 and make recommendations to the Comptroller whether to approve or  
33 disapprove such proposals. Prior to approving any payroll deduction  
34 slot under this section, the Comptroller shall consider the following  
35 criteria: (1) The benefit to state employees of the product or service; (2)  
36 the price or rate of the product or service; (3) the skill, ability and  
37 integrity of the applicant to deliver such product or service; (4) the past  
38 performance of the applicant; (5) the recommendations of the Vendor  
39 Advisory Committee; and (6) any other information which the  
40 Comptroller deems necessary. In considering the past performance of  
41 the applicant, the Comptroller shall evaluate the skill, ability and  
42 integrity of the applicant in terms of the applicant's fulfillment of past  
43 contract obligations and [his] the applicant's experience or lack of  
44 experience in delivering the same or similar products or services.

45 (c) Any payroll deduction slot approved by the Comptroller shall be  
46 in the form of a written agreement, approved by the Attorney General,  
47 specifying the terms and conditions for the use of such slot, and shall be

48 for a fixed term, not to exceed five years.

49 (d) The Comptroller may issue a payroll deduction slot in accordance  
50 with the procedures of this section. The Comptroller may adopt  
51 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to  
52 implement the provisions of this section.

53 (e) On July 1, 1997, and every two years thereafter, the Comptroller  
54 shall submit to the General Assembly a report on the number and type  
55 of products and services offered through payroll deduction slots and the  
56 number of state employees who are utilizing such products and  
57 services.

58 Sec. 2. Section 7-438 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
59 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

60 (a) Any member retired under this part who again accepts  
61 employment from this state or from any municipality of this state other  
62 than a participating municipality, shall continue to receive [his] such  
63 member's retirement allowance while so employed, and shall be eligible  
64 to participate, and shall be entitled to credit, in the state retirement  
65 system or, for employment on or after October 1, 2022, in the retirement  
66 system of the nonparticipating municipality, as applicable, for the  
67 period of such [state] employment. [, but any such member shall not be  
68 eligible to participate or be entitled to credit in any municipal retirement  
69 system for the period of such municipal employment.]

70 (b) If a member is retired under this part and again accepts  
71 employment from the same municipality from which [he] such member  
72 was retired or any other participating municipality, [he] the member  
73 shall be eligible to participate, and shall be entitled to credit, in the  
74 municipal employees' retirement system for the period of such  
75 municipal employment. Such member shall receive no retirement  
76 allowance while so employed except if (1) such employment is for less  
77 than twenty hours per week, or (2) [his] the member's services are  
78 rendered for not more than ninety working days in any one calendar  
79 year, provided [that] any member reemployed for a period of more than

80 ninety working days in one calendar year shall reimburse the Municipal  
81 Employees' Retirement Fund for retirement income payments received  
82 during such ninety working days.

83 Sec. 3. Sections 3-115e and 3-117b of the general statutes are repealed.  
84 (*Effective July 1, 2022*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	3-123g
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	7-438
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	Repealer section

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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill makes technical and conforming changes to current statutes that result in no fiscal impact.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5451*****AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE COMPTROLLER.*****SUMMARY**

Current law allows retirees of the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System (CMERS) to work for a municipality that does not participate in CMERS, but it prohibits them from participating in that municipality's retirement system. This bill eliminates the prohibition, allowing CMERS retirees to participate in, and earn credit towards, a non-participating municipality's retirement system.

This change makes the law's treatment of CMERS retirees who work for non-participating municipalities consistent with its treatment of CMERS retirees who work for the state. By law, CMERS retirees accepting state employment may participate in, and earn credit towards, the state retirement system.

The bill also eliminates requirements that the state comptroller report to the governor and General Assembly:

1. biennially, on the CORE-CT system, including on its status, total and projected costs, and any issues, and
2. annually for each fiscal year through FY27, on the amount of labor-management savings the state realized due to the 2017 State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) agreement and other agreements with individual state employee collective bargaining units specified in the state budget acts or adjustments.

Finally, the bill (1) requires the comptroller to publish solicitations for state employee payroll deduction slots (i.e., automatic payroll deductions for services a vendor provides) on the office's website, rather

than in a newspaper, and (2) specifies that issuing these solicitations is discretionary for the comptroller, rather than required.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022, except the provisions repealing the reporting requirements are effective July 1, 2022.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    19    Nay   0    (03/28/2022)